REVENUE (195) Department

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Dated 29th November 1950.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Establishment - (South Kanara) - Coondapur Div
Offences - Illicit felling of trees from Government u
Prevention of and detection - Special staff - Sanctio

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Go.	4211	Rev	12-11-46				
Go.	2075	Rev	19-5-1946				

Further Papers.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Subject.

Establishment- Temporary- (South Kanara)- Coondapur Division - Illicit felling of trees- Prevention of and detection - Special staff- Appointment- Proposals - Recommended.

Board's Ref. B. 8196/50-1 Dated 9-9-1950. 94523

From

Sri A.F. Lascarenhas, I.A.S., Secretary, Board of Revenue, Madras.

Sri M.R.S. Sattianathan I.C.S., Commissioner of Land Revenue.

Rev. Dept- Read:- Ph 3 c below

W.O. Letter from the Collector of South Kanara ROC. Bl. 19783/ dated 16-8-50.

RETURNED:-

64508 4/50-1 Submitted to the Government.

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3/- The expenditure may be debited to " 25 Genl. Administration - District Administration - Miscelleneous - other establishments - Taluk Establishment- Ordinary areas".

For Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

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End No 94523 c/50 Rev-dept

Referred to the ccf for remarks

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ccf (with a 3 files) Ph 1-4 qq

Janab Syed Ahmed, B.Sc. (Hons.)
Collector of South Kanara. 94782

The Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
Fort St. George, Madras.

Through

The Secretary to the Board of Revenue,
Land Revenue, Madras.

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A1 FOREST OFFENCE - Coondapur Division - Illicit felling of trees from Government unreserves - Prevention of and detection - special staff - appointment - requested.

I enclose herewith a copy of Ref.E.4522/50 dated 18-7-1950 from the Revenue Divisional Officer, Coondapur describing the need for the appointment of a special staff in Coondapur Division for the detection of forest offence cases in that division. The Forest offence cases in that division are on the increase notwithstanding the heavy compounding fee that is being imposed on the offenders. The existing staff is unable to detect and handle the forest offence cases properly and successfully on account of their multifarious other duties. There is a tendency among the public to commit theft from Government unreserved lands due to very high prices of timber in open market and also due to the least attention paid by the Subordinate officers in detecting cases etc. Though some cases are booked, they are either acquitted in Criminal Courts for want of sufficient evidence and on account of delay in launching prosecution or treated as undetected.

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Yours faithfully,

For Collector.

Kmr/

Copy to the Revenue Divisional Officer,
Coondapur.

COLLECTOR'S OFFICE, SOUTH KANARA,
Mangalore, dated 16th August '50.

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P.T.O.

Copy of Ref.L.4922-50 dated 18-7-1950 from the Revenue Divisional Coondapur.

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FOREST OFFENCES - Illicit outting of Government trees on a large prevention of - appointment of a special staff - report.

Ref:- 1. Udipi Tahsildar's Ref.C.5807-49 dated 17-5-1950
2. Karkal Tahsildar's L.Dis.3546/50 dated 9-6-50
3. Coondapur Tahsildar's L.Dis.5506/50 dated 16-6-50.

The Tahsildar, Udipi reported to me that the forest offences Taluk are on the increase notwithstanding the heavy compounding f is being imposed on the accused and that the Revenue Inspectors a unable to detect the offences and book the offenders on account o facts explained in his report, a copy of which is enclosed.

2. I consulted the other two Tahsildars in my division and they with the proposal of the Tahsildar Udipi that the remedy lies in appointing a special staff to detect the offences and to deal with the offenders under the Forest Act. The copies of their reports a also enclosed.

3. The Tahsildars have appended to their reports the number of offences pending in their offices and it is no doubt true that the tendency to commit thefts of Government valuable trees is increasi lately. The main cause as would appear to me is the prevailing hi cost of timber in the open market and the inadequacy of the steps by the subordinates to detect and deal with the offenders then and there. The subordinates themselves cannot be blamed as it is commo experience that their work in all branches has increased to a very great extent unlike in normal times. A Revenue Inspector has amul farious duties and his attention is constantly requiredly to more and pressing items of work. Added to this is the inexperience of t present day Revenue Inspectors. With increased transport facilitie a forest offender can easily escape the notice of the subordinates thus hush up the case. Cases are not wanting where the offenders destroyed the stumps to make the cases difficult for detection. A this is due to the inadequacy of the staff to protect the Governme trees.

4. In 1943 or 1944 a special Deputy Tahsildar with a peon and a was sanctioned to attend exclusively to the detection of forest of I have not been able to trace out the previous papers. They may be available in the Collectorate. It was noticed then that the appoint of the special staff had the desired effect. I consider that in th interest of preventing heavy loss to Government a special Deputy Ta dar with a peon and a clerk is absolutely necessary to attend excl to the detection of forest offences. The Deputy Tahsildar to be appointed should be one who is smart and fit for outdoor work. A p who is in the run for a Tahsildar's post will be better. If the Co approves this proposal, I shall suggest the name.

5. I have issued instructions to the Tahsildars to push through t enquiries into the forest offences already detected and have issued Circular to all the village officers making them responsible for th forest offences and to guard the Government trees adequately. I ha also asked the Tahsildars to submit fortnightly reports on the prog made and also to visit the villages where there are large number of forest offences. On my part, I shall do what is best to put a stop this kind of large scale cutting of trees.

/True Copy/

Pl. issue & return by 25/11/50

No. 67351 C/50

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C.7. Rev. Dept.

From the Board of Rev Ref. B. 8196/50-1 Dated 9-9-50.

G.O. Ms No. 3070 Dated 29-11-50

In the circumstances stated, the Government sanction the employment of the following special staff for a period ~~of~~ of six months from the date of appointment for work connected with the detection of forest offences in the Coondapur Division of the South Kanara district.

1) One Dy. Tahsildar on Rs. 150-5-200 ~~plus the usual D.A and T.A~~

2) One lower division clerk on Rs 45-90- ~~plus the usual D.A~~

3) Two peons on Rs 18-25 ~~plus the usual D.A~~ each p.m.

Pl. issue of Bds Refs

2. The expenditure should be debited to "25 General Administration - District Administration - Miscellaneous - Other Estts - Taluk Estt - Ordinary areas - Med". Para 2 of P.O. Refer in p' of

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(By Order of His Excellency the Governor)
N.V. Sugavanam,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

Sub: Forests - Coondapur Division - Unreserves Forest Offences - Detection and Prevention - Special staff.

Ref: From the Board of Revenue Ref.No.B.8196/50 dated 9.9.50

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The reference from the Board of Revenue and its enclosure on pp.1-4 c.f. may be perused.

2. The Board of Revenue has applied for sanction to employ a special staff of one Deputy Tahsildar, one L.D. clerk and two peons for work connected with the detection of forest offences in the Coondapur Division in South Kanara District. From the report of the Collector on pp.3-4 c.f. it is observed that the illicit cuttings are occurring in unreserves in that area.

3. In the G.Os. referred to at 'A' on p.3 c.f. and put up at (5) and (M), Orders regarding the employment of a protective staff were issued in this Department as they related to Panchayat Forests. In the present case as only unreserves are concerned it seems appropriate that orders ~~should~~ issued in Revenue. The file may be sent back to Revenue.

29.50 KW/25/9/50 — 25/9/50 Rev.

Rev. Dept.

1 To A.S.

Please see the Board's Ref.ce and its enclosure on pp 1-4 c.f.

2. For the reasons stated in paras 1 and 2 of the letter on page 3 c.f., the Collector of South Kanara has proposed that a special staff consisting of one Deputy Tahsildar, one clerk and two peons may be employed in Coodapur division, S. Kanara district for the detection of illicit forest offences. The Board of Rev has supported the Collector's proposal. It c

for orders whether the Board's recommendation may be accepted. Subject to orders a draft order is submitted for approval. ~~Dev and~~ Fin may see for a cc

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Rev. no. 67307 C/507
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The Revenue dept's note on ppl-2 above and the Board's reference on p 1 cy may be perused. (The extra cost involved in the proposal is about Rs 2400/- for six months or about Rs 4800/- p.a).

2/ It is stated that there is a large scale illicit felling of valuable trees and that several cases go unnoticed for want of adequate staff. In the circumstances, and, in view of the fact that similar staff was sanctioned in 1946 (Vide Go no 2075 Dev dated 29.5.46), this dept may agree to the special staff being sanctioned for a period of six mon

The draft order below may be accepted.

RR 31/10/50 3/ As it is likely that the special staff will be continued beyond six months it seems desirable to take orders in circulation now, including HM (Fin).

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Rev. dept.

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